

ADVENTURE. ALBERTA



Alberta Awaits

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A newsletter for people interested in moving to Alberta, Canada
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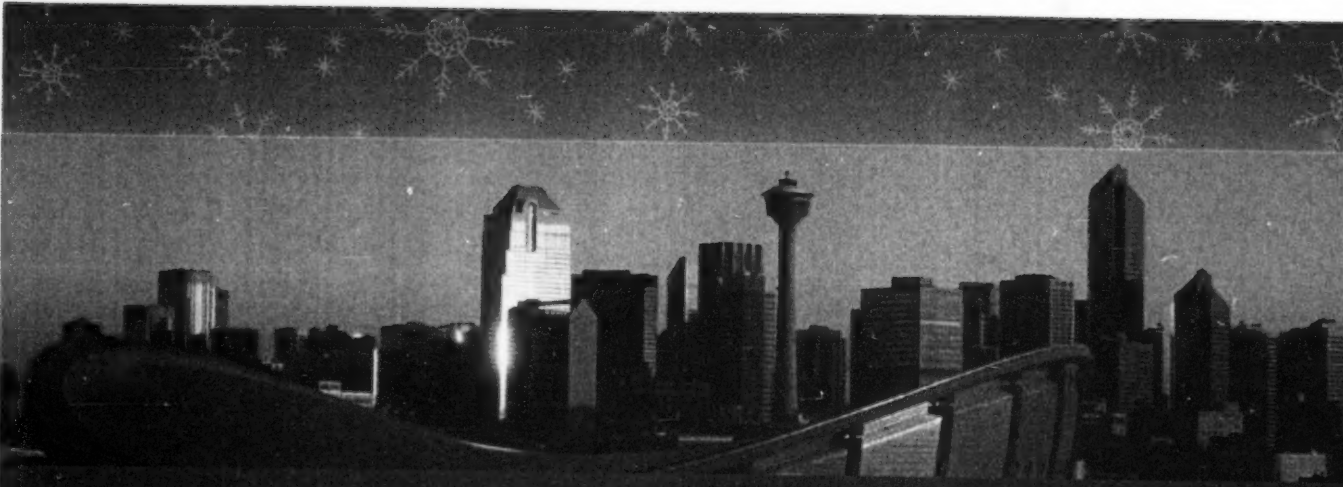
Have you been picturing yourself hiking through majestic Alberta mountains, enjoying your short commute home and paying less for a better quality of life? If you are seriously thinking about moving to Alberta, please come and see us at the Alberta, Canada stand at Emigrate 2008 Saturday and Sunday March 1 and 2 at Sandown Park, Esher, Surrey. Qualified immigration consultants will be there to answer your questions about Alberta, our plentiful employment opportunities and the options available to immigrate to Alberta. Come by and see us at stand 19.

Emigrate London is as essential for anyone seeking more information about how to start a new life abroad as it is for those who already have their visas. The Government of Alberta will

have representatives available who will be able to answer many of your questions about life in Alberta and the processes involved in everything from finding a school to finding a job. We will also have a representative from the Alberta Real Estate Association present to talk to you about the Alberta housing market. You can ask questions about how buying a home in Alberta differs from purchasing one in the UK - we think you will be pleasantly surprised. We invite you to visit us at the Alberta stand and see all the opportunities our province has to offer.



**Look for Alberta, Canada at Stand 19
Emigrate 2008
Saturday and Sunday, March 1 and 2
Sandown Park, Esher, Surrey**



Alberta School System



Alberta prides itself on providing quality education that is upheld to the highest of standards. Alberta's kindergarten to Grade 12 education system budget for the 2007-08 fiscal year will reach nearly \$5.8 billion - an increase of \$204 million over the previous fiscal year. To ensure that every Albertan is given a proper education, Alberta employs over 36,000 certificated teaching personnel in Alberta's K-12 education system.

To say Alberta's Education system is first-class would be an understatement. Based on 2006 international test results, Alberta had the second highest science scores in the world. Alberta also scored third highest in reading and writing and fifth in mathematics. Overall, Alberta is the only province in Canada whose individual test scores were significantly higher than the Canadian average.

Choosing a school and registering your child

Alberta provides students the opportunity to attend public, Catholic, Francophone, private, charter and language immersion schools. Schools are typically assigned based on the community location within a city or town. For more information on schools throughout the province visit Alberta Education's website (see Useful Links on this page).

The school term starts at the beginning of September and runs until the end of June. Registering your child should be done as early as possible to ensure availability and adequate preparation time. By law, children living in Alberta must attend school from ages six to 16. Public education is provided free of charge for children and people under 20 years of age, up to the end of secondary school.

Who goes to school?

Child's age on or before March 1	Requirement
4	Child may attend kindergarten in the fall of same calendar year. Kindergarten is OPTIONAL and parents decide whether to register their child.
5	Child is eligible to begin Grade 1 in that same calendar year.
6	If a child turns 6 by September 1, they MUST start school.

Useful Links

Alberta Education
www.education.alberta.ca

Edmonton Public Schools
www.epsb.ca

Edmonton Catholic Schools
www.ecsd.net

Calgary Board of Education
www.cbe.ab.ca

Calgary Catholic School Board
www.cssd.ab.ca

School Documents Checklist

- ✓ Birth certificate or proof of age
- ✓ Transcripts
- ✓ Alberta Health Care Card/Number

If applicable:

- ✓ Permanent Resident Card
- ✓ Adoption Papers
- ✓ Student Study Permit
- ✓ Parent Study Permit
- ✓ Parent Work Permit
- ✓ Statement of previous standing - i.e.: report card
- ✓ Course outline/content if available from previous schools

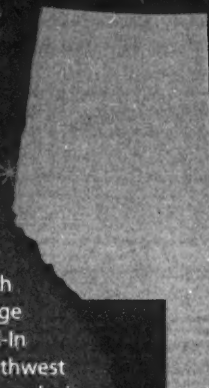


Southwest Alberta: Where History and Excitement Meet

Southwest Alberta offers a host of surreal experiences and discoveries for all those that journey to this beautiful corner of the province. With both the splendor and vastness of Alberta's plains as well as the bold magnificence of the Rocky Mountains, this region not only offers a diverse landscape but an excellent opportunity to experience authentic western Canadian culture.



For those looking to venture outdoors and immerse themselves in the scenery firsthand, southwest Alberta offers a vast array of hiking and biking trails, golf courses, and powder filled ski resorts. On the other hand, those seeking adventure can explore the area more thoroughly with horseback and canoe guided tours. This area of the province is truly rich in history and is the home of two UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Waterton Lakes National Park and Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump. Whether by foot, canoe, or horseback, southwest Alberta provides a unique outdoor experience for all who make it their destination. For more information on southwestern Alberta please visit www.albertasouthwest.com.



Alberta Festivals – The South Country Fair

This family friendly music festival takes place in Fort Macleod, Alberta and is sure to delight music and art lovers of all ages. Bringing together performers from all over the world, the South Country Fair vibrantly displays a vast assortment of musical genres and talents upon its four stages. From blues to reggae to folk and world music, this festival is sure to offer something for everyone. The relaxed atmosphere of the Fair has made it a favourite among musicians who have continuously delivered unforgettable performances every summer.

The South Country Fair humbly notes that it has earned its place in the hearts of many Canadians, being called by some as one of the 'best outdoor festivals in Western Canada.' This accolade is reflected in the nearly 2,500 people that attend the Fair each summer. For more information on the South Country Fair please visit www.scfair.ab.ca.



Photo courtesy Fred Norgard



Curling in Canada

Originating in Scotland, curling is an internationally played sport that became an official sport in the Winter Olympic Games in 1998. Canada is as much known for curling as the maple leaf. Currently both the Canadian men's and women's teams are ranked number one according to the World Curling Federation.



Canadian Curling Association - Brier 2007

All of the provincial men's curling champions across the country will be traveling to Winnipeg this March for the 2008 Tim Hortons Brier. As the oldest curling competition in Canada, it draws much interest as twelve provincial and territory teams come together to compete for the chance to represent Canada at the 2008 World Men's Curling Championship. Alberta has won 22 of the 78 national championships and has won nine world championships—most recently, in 2005. This year, twelve teams are fighting for the Alberta provincial 2008 Boston Pizza Cup from February 12-18, including defending champion, Team Martin.

Are You Interested In Finding Work In Alberta?

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the average processing times for...

- Temporary foreign workers? 6 weeks
- Skilled workers, entrepreneurs, investors, self-employed for permanent residents? 42-48 months

Please note: These are average processing times and may not be indicative of the times required to process particular applications. For more details, visit www.canada.org.uk/visa-info/processing_times.htm.

What is the fastest way to immigrate to Alberta?

- Have a job offer from an Alberta employer
- Visit www.albertacanada.com/jobs for Alberta job postings
- Most employers who advertise on this website are ready to hire workers from abroad and have all the paperwork in place
- Apply directly to the employer. Alberta government does not collect nor forward resumes to employers
- Check jobs eligible for permanent resident status at www.albertacanada.com/pnp
- Provincial Nomination Program fast tracks temporary foreign workers to permanent residents in about 6-18 months
- Employer must offer you a permanent job position in order to nominate you for permanent residency

More Questions?

Call the Alberta Foreign Worker Hotline 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. MST Monday to Friday (001) 780 427 6419 — or e-mail your question to immigration.info@gov.ab.ca. Please visit our website for more information www.albertacanada.com/immigration.



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